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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S AGGREGAT TRADE DATA--MARCH--PROVISIONAL

SUMMARY: PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA ON JAPAN'S
TRADE IN MARCH (CUSTOMS BASIS) SHOW SMALL CHANGES FROM
PRIOR MONTH. SEASONALLY ADJUSTD CUSTOMS EXPORTS (F.O.B.)
DECREASED 2.1 PERCENT FOLLOWING LARGE 9.4 PERCENT DROP IN
FEBRUARY. ADJUSTED IMPORTS (C.I.F.) INCREASED 1.1 PERCENT
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IN MARCH, RVERSING THE DECLINE OF THE PREVIOUS ONTH.

ON YEAR TO HEAR COMPARISON MARCH CUSTOMS EXPORTS (F.O.B.)

WERE UP 18.7 PERCENT WHILE CUSTOMS IMPORTS (C.I.F.)

WERE DOWN 5.2 PERCENT. JAPAN'S EXPORTS (F.O.B.) TO

U.S., NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, INCREASED FROM FEB. BY \$25.4 MIL OR 2.8 PERCENT (YEAR-OVER-YEAR BY MINUS 5.5 PERCENT) AND IMPORTS (C.I.F.) FROM U.S. ROSE \$107.9 MIL OR 10.9 PERCENT (YEAR-OVER-YEAR BY 0.8 PERCENT).
END SUMMARY.

1. MAR PRELIMINARY CUSTOMS FIGURES IN DOLLARS (EXCHANGE RATES USED BY MOF IF PRESENTING DATA ARE YEN 287.92. PER DOLLAR FOREXPORTS AND YEN 287.86 FOR IMPORTS) SHOW GLOBAL EXPORTS (F.O.B.) \$5,077 MIL (YEN 1,461,765 MIL) AND IMPORTS (C.I.F.) \$5,033 MIL (YEN 1,448,752 MIL). SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES SHOW EXPORTS OF \$4,693 MIL (DOWN 2.1 PERCENT FROM FEB) AND IMPORTS OF \$4,657 MIL (UP 1.1 PERCENT). EXPORT TO U.S., NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, WERE \$937.6 MIL AND IMPORTS WERE \$1,095.4 MIL.

2. CRUDE OIL IMPORTS ON CUSTOMS BASIS WERE 23.5 MIL KILOLITERS FOR TOTAL VALUE \$1,742 MIL. THIS COMPARES WITH 20.0 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$1,494 MIL IN FEB AND 24.1 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$1,592 MIL IN MAR 74.

3. MAR 1975 MOF ESTIMATES OF PERCENT INCREASES (CUSTOMS BASIS) IN INDICES OF VALUE, QUANTUM AND UNIT VALUE FROM MAR 1974 ARE AS FOLLOWS: EXPORTS IN VALUE UP 18.7 QUANTUM UP 8.0 UNIT VALUE UP 9.9; IMPORTS IN VALUE DOWN 5.2 QUANTUM DOWN 15.2; UNIT VALUE UP 11.9. E OASSY ESTIMATES BASED ON SEASONAL FACTORS UNOFFICIALLY PROVIDED BY EPA THAT AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENTS QUANTUM INDICES CHANGED FROM FEB. 1975 TO MAR. 1975 AS FOLLOWS: EXPORT DOWN 0.4 PERCENT AND IMPORTS UP 4.3 PERCENT.

4. MAR DATA FOR JAPAN'S TRADE BY AREA AND COMMODITY WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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